Serials and Violence free show for children

2677. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any effort by Doordarshan to encourage serials and violence free shows for children;

(b) whether it is a fact that shows and serials for children are very low on the priorities of Doordarshan; and

(c) what steps are being taken to enhance the quality of children viewing shows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In addition to in-house productions, Doordarshan telecasts programmes for children produced by National Centre of films for Children and Young People (N'CYP), Department of Women and Child Development and also Children's films shown in the International Flms Festivals.

Expenditure on ATCI

2678. SHRI KRISHN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) terms and reference of the Air Time Committee of India set up in September, 1992; and

(b) total expenditure incurred on the Committee as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below). The said scheme has since been rescinded

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Functions assigned to the Air Time Committee of India under the Scheme of Allotment of Time Slots on the Metro Channels of Doordarshan and the FM Channels of All India Radio at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta of 30th September, 1992

(a) Invite applications by issue of public notice from individuals who should be citizens of India/companies with majority Indian shareholding/ partnership firms all of whose partners should be citizens of India for the purpose of allotment of time slots on the television/radio channels.

(b) Issue licence and allocate suitable time slots for the programmes on the channels of AIR/Doordarsnan.

(c) Review the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licencees.

(d) Consider, decide and take action for suspension/revocation of licence.

(e) Decide the quality parameters for the programmes on the channels.

Act as the forum for redressal of complaints/grievances in respect of the programmes telecast/broadcast by the licensees under this Ssheme.

Opening of TV Channels to Private Producers

2679. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any action/decision on a detailed formula for opening up T.V. channels to private producers especially to meet the threat from foreign networks, submitted by the Deodher Committee: